

**COMMUNICATIONS POWER CONTROL****ABSTRACT**

5 An outer loop power control method and apparatus for a radio communications system, for example a UMTS cellular radio communications system (60), comprising: determining that a plurality of different services are being communicated; performing a comparison with respect to the different services; and providing an inner loop power control performance target, for example a  
10 signal to interference ratio (SIR) target, in a manner dependent upon the comparison.

(Figure 4)